REMARKS

Request for allowance

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698. A duplicate of this transmittal page is enclosed.

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Attachments

Amendments to the Drawings:

Corrected drawings FIGS. 1 and 2, and new drawing FIG. 13 are submitted herewith for approval.

Corrections are indicated in red ink on the annotated sheet showing changes.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes